

COMMUNITY HISTORY

The culture we cherish today began long before the formation of the City. Originally an area traversed by Indian trails and the site of Indian gatherings, Liberty Lake became the home of white settlers in the late 1800's. Liberty Lake was originally named Lake Grier, but was later re-named after a Frenchman from Canada, Etienne Eduard Laliberte, who came to Liberty Lake in 1871 after changing his name to Stephen Liberty while carrying mail over the Mullan Trail. Steve Liberty and his family homesteaded on the west side of the lake and he was known as a friend and spokesman for the Native Americans. Other early settlers may have been drawn to the Liberty Lake area and other parts of the west by the Homestead Act of 1862. Eight homesteads were created in what is now the City limits area between 1884 and 1897. In the early 1900's, during the late fall, winter and early spring, Valley area farmers and ranchers would take advantage of a break from ranch work and get together on a Friday night at the Spokane Bridge near the Washington/Idaho border for dancing, gather for 200 card games at one of the area ranches, or take horse drawn hay rides during periods of heavy snow. Also by the early 1900's, several resorts were being developed around Liberty Lake, and the Lake was quickly becoming a vacation destination for the residents of Spokane and other surrounding areas. The Spokane Inland Empire Railway began running electric trains in 1903 from Spokane to Liberty Lake and they developed the Liberty Lake Park in 1909. The park became very popular for picnics and other gatherings and Liberty Lake became known as "Spokane's Inland Seashore". Visitors could rent boats, enjoy live band music and dancing at the Pavilion, stay at the hotel or one of the many resorts, rent swimming suits at the Herring Bath House, fish, picnic, savor the dining options, or just relax. All Valley picnics began in 1922, and 1924 saw the biggest crowd ever for the annual 4th of July celebration with 14,000 people attending the festivities. With the onset of the automobile as the transportation mode of choice, the trains quit running by 1926 and Liberty Lake Park was sold and re-named Silver City. By 1951, there were six resorts operating on Liberty Lake and four public beaches. Liberty Lake was becoming known as a suburb of Spokane and development was limited to the Lake area, south of Sprague Ave. The Liberty Lake Golf Course was constructed in 1959 and the 1970's brought a surge in activity on the farmlands north of Sprague Ave. The large hill on the west side of the City became known as Holiday Hills, a ski and snowmobile recreation destination with a lodge, restaurant, and summer RV Park. In 1973 the Valley View Golf Course was developed, which at the time, was the only mid length executive course in the northwest. Housing choices also expanded in the 1970's and 80's and by the early 1980's, commercial and industrial development had begun. Housing sales boomed in Liberty Lake in the mid 1990's with the creation of Meadowwood. Meadowwood Golf Course, Pavilion Park, and Liberty Lake Elementary were also completed by the time the City of Liberty Lake incorporated on August 31, 2001. With three golf courses in the City limits, the Liberty Lake area is now known as a premier golf course community. While the majority of the early culture and history occurred around the Lake, the Liberty Lake community as a whole is continuing old cultural traditions, while developing new traditions. A large part of the greater Liberty Lake community's identity is derived from its heritage. From the Native Americans and early traders who first established their homes here to the subsequent newcomers from around the world, all have left their mark.



Liberty Lake, preserving our past and preparing for our future.
This history section has been summarized from Liberty Lake's Cultural & Historical Heritage. The complete document is available to read at www.libertylakewa.gov/city_history.asp.



MISSION STATEMENT

PROVIDE SERVICES WITH INTEGRITY BY
DEVELOPING A PARTNERSHIP WITH RESIDENTS AND
BUSINESSES, WHICH FOCUSES ON QUALITY OF LIFE,
ENVIRONMENT, AND ECONOMIC VITALITY.

VISION STATEMENT

THE LIBERTY LAKE COMMUNITY WILL
MAINTAIN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT PRESERVES
AND ENHANCES NATURAL SURROUNDINGS
THROUGH THE HARMONY OF PLANNED
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND GREEN SPACE.
OUR COMMUNITY WILL ACHIEVE ITS QUALITY OF
LIFE BY CREATING A SAFE FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT
IN WHICH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROMOTES
RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND CIVIC PRIDE.
LIBERTY LAKE ENCOURAGES AND SUPPORTS
LEADING EDGE TECHNOLOGY AND A
PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT, WHICH
ENSURES A DIVERSE, PROSPEROUS, AND
FINANCIALLY SECURE COMMUNITY.

CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

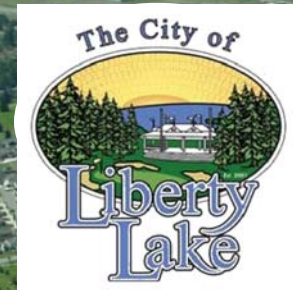
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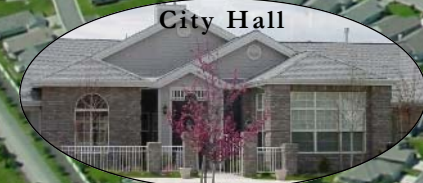
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WWW.LIBERTYLAKewa.GOV

Welcome to



A Great Place to
Live, Work, & Play



INCORPORATED 2001

WELCOME TO OUR CITY

2004 POPULATION: 4950 (AND GROWING)

CITY LAND AREA: 5+ SQUARE MILES

LOCATION: 17 MILES EAST OF SPOKANE, 2 MILES WEST OF THE IDAHO STATE LINE

TYPE & FORM OF GOVERNMENT: NON-CHARTER CODE CITY W/ STRONG MAYOR & COUNCIL

BUSINESSES: CURRENTLY THERE ARE OVER 190 BUSINESSES IN THE CITY CONSISTING OF HIGH TECH & MANUFACTURING COMPANIES, BANKS, MEDICAL, DENTAL, VETERINARY, & PROFESSIONAL OFFICES, RESTAURANTS, RETAIL & GROCERY STORES, SERVICES, REAL ESTATE, CONSTRUCTION, & OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES.

HOUSING: MANY HOUSING TYPES ARE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE CITY RANGING FROM SINGLE FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS, TO MAINTENANCE - FREE COMMUNITIES, AND MULTI-FAMILY UNITS TO ACCOMMODATE DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES AND PRICE RANGES WITH CITY LIGHT, MOUNTAIN, AND GOLF COURSE VIEWS THROUGHOUT.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- LIBERTY LAKE ELEMENTARY (CVSD)
- VARIOUS PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL & CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS
- LIBERTY LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

PARKS & RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

(LOCATED WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO THE CITY):

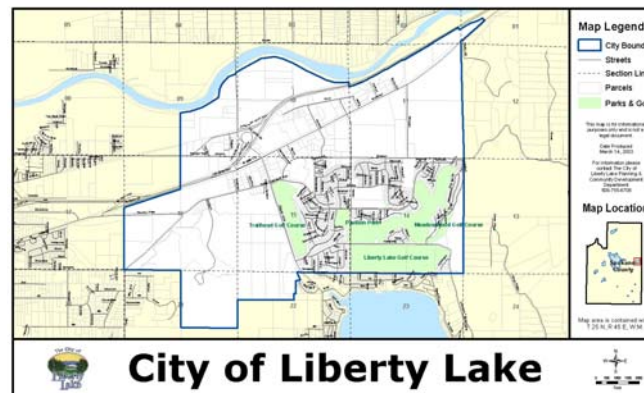
- PAVILLION PARK & OTHER SMALL PARKS
- TRAILHEAD GOLF COURSE
- MEADOWWOOD GOLF COURSE
- LIBERTY LAKE GOLF COURSE
- LIBERTY LAKE & CENTENNIAL TRAIL SYSTEMS
- OTHER VARIOUS SPORTS & ATHLETIC CLUBS
- LIBERTY LAKE (BOAT LAUNCH)
- LIBERTY LAKE COUNTY PARK &
- ORV (OFF-ROAD VEHICLE) PARK
- SPOKANE RIVER

JUST A SHORT DISTANCE TO OTHER CULTURAL & RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, ENTERTAINMENT, EDUCATION, ETC. IN SURROUNDING AREAS.

SPOKANE COUNTY'S PREMIER ADDRESS



Attractive Business Campuses & Great Community Trail System



Desirable Housing Choices & Abundant Recreational Amenities



**A GREAT PLACE TO
LIVE, WORK, & PLAY !!**

CITY SERVICES

LIBERTY LAKE CITY COUNCIL

**MAYOR
STEVE PETERSON
(2ND FROM RIGHT)**



14 ACRE PAVILLION PARK



LIBERTY LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



LIBERTY LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY



TRAILHEAD GOLF COURSE



LIBERTY LAKE PUBLIC
WORKS CONTRACTORS

ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT
COMMUNITY YARD SALE
4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
PAVILLION PARK
SUMMER FESTIVAL
ANNUAL HOLIDAY BALL
PET DAY IN THE PARK
& MORE !!

**VISIT US SOON TO UNDERSTAND WHY SO MANY
FAMILIES & BUSINESSES CALL LIBERTY LAKE HOME**